

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 514

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Brandi Millsaps, 2009
Salutatorian of William Blount High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Brandi N. Millsaps is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2009 graduating class at William Blount High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Brandi has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Millsaps has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average and has demonstrated outstanding leadership through her involvement in a variety of extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, a leader among her peers, she is a member of the Beta Club, the Math Club, the National English Honor Society, the French Honor Society, and the National Federation of Music Club; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, Brandi has given of her time and many talents as a volunteer for the United Way, the American Red Cross, April Foolies, the Tuckaleechee Clean-up, Trick or Cans, the Children's Advocacy Center, the Blount Memorial Hospital, the Dotson Memorial Baptist Upward Basketball Program, Run for Education, and as a Peer Teacher; and

WHEREAS, a well-traveled young lady with an innate love for experiencing new cultures, she has traveled to France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Lichtenstein, Greece, England, Ireland, and Wales; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Millsaps was the honored recipient of academic letters in social studies, English, science, and math; she was also named as one of

the William Blount Leaders and Achievers and as a 2009 *Knoxville News Sentinel* Academic Achiever; and

WHEREAS, Brandi Millsaps is a dedicated member of the Dotson Memorial Baptist Church, which she serves faithfully as a pianist during church services and as a volunteer in the Vacation Bible School program; and

WHEREAS, Brandi's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Robert and Brenda Millsaps, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Brandi's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 William Blount High School Salutatorian, Brandi N. Millsaps, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.